



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By **B. Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, Palmisano**

Recognizing Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

Whereas, Pancreatic cancer has one of the lowest survival rates of all major cancers - 73 percent die within one year of diagnosis and the five-year survival rate is just six percent. Pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States by 2020;

Whereas, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, established in 1999, is the national organization creating hope in a comprehensive way through research, patient support, community outreach and advocacy for a cure. The organization raises money for direct private funding of research—and advocates for more aggressive federal research funding of medical breakthroughs in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer.

Whereas, Local residents, pancreatic cancer survivors and volunteers with the Twin Cities Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network will join thousands of people at more than 50 PurpleLight events taking place in communities across the country on October 26, 2014 to call attention to one of our nation's deadliest cancers – pancreatic cancer;

Whereas, The event will commence National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in November by remembering those who have lost their battle against pancreatic cancer and honor our inspiring pancreatic cancer survivors;

Whereas, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network advocates enabled the passage of the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act on January 2, 2013, which directs the National Cancer Institute to develop scientific frameworks (strategic plans) that will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress on pancreatic and other deadly cancers;

Whereas, Patient and Liaison Services (PALS) is a comprehensive service providing patients and families with immediate and free information and education about pancreatic cancer, diagnosis, treatment options, clinical trials, diet and nutrition, specialists and support resources.

Whereas, PALS (Patient and Liaison Services) has served more than 80,000 patients and families since the program was started in 2002;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council declares October 26, 2014, to be Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Day.

Passed, September 19, 2014

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk